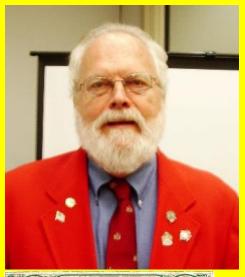
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President's Message

Your President is a loser. And he is OK with that.

I was one of four competitive exhibitors at the MSNA annual judged exhibition at the Whitman Baltimore Show on March 21-23. My exhibit, "Battle of Plattsburgh Medals" came in last in the competition. That is more of a comment on the quality of the other exhibits (see article on the



exhibits elsewhere in the journal) than on the lack of quality of my exhibit. My exhibit had garnered a second place in its class at the ANA World of Money show last August and I had upgraded it since with new material. But it wasn't enough against the tough competition at MSNA.

How good were the MSNA exhibition entries? Good enough that a display of "Rulers of Rome - Roman Imperial Coinage" that had won an NGC Registry Award for ancient coins could only place third. I hope that you had a chance to see all the exhibits at the Whitman Baltimore show.

Also exhibited at the Whitman show was a non-judged display, "Maryland's Transitions from Loyal Colony to Independent State," from MSNA's John B. Henry collection. If you want to see those notes, they are on display at the Gaithersburg Community Museum through June 2. In addition, they will be shown at as part of a program at the Catonsville Coin Club after their run at the museum ends. If your club is interested in having MSNA put on a program featuring them, or other items from the collection, please contact me at MSNAonline@gmail.com.

Putting on the exhibitions, both judged and non-judged, are part of MSNA's mission to inform and educate about numismatics and the history that it teaches. We are doing that by using the John B. Henry collection (see, for example, the article on New Jersey scrip in this issue) and by encouraging collectors to share their knowledge by exhibiting at the Whitman Show. And if you have something you want to write about, please contact our journal editor.

Although I was a loser, I still received a 2012 Fort McHenry commemorate silver dollar for participating. Next year, I hope that more of you will search your collections and put together an entry in the MSNA. You may not win one of the major prizes, but you are assured of getting a nice participation award. In addition, if you are not (continued on page 6)

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MSNA Exhibit Results



MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky won first place for his exhibit "Give Me that Old-Time Alphabet!: Paleo-Hebrew in Modern Israel Numismatics." Presenting the gold tenth-ounce eagle is MSNA life member Tom Corey, who also served as judge of the exhibits.

New member Gerald Grzenda won second place (a tenth ounce platinum Britannia) with his exhibit "Gold from the Water's Depths," which focused on gold coins salvaged from shipwrecks, both centuries old and modern.

New member Carleton Hafer won third place (a twenty-fifth ounce gold Israel Biblical Art sheqel showing Moses and the Ten Commandments) with his exhibit "The Rulers of Rome - Roman Imperial Coinage."

MSNA President Ken Swab won fourth place (a Star Spangled Banner uncirculated silver dollar in U.S. mint packaging) for his exhibit "Battle of Plattsburgh Medals."

Edward Lee Craig Obituary

On April 3, 2024, Edward L. Craig passed peacefully. Ed is predeceased by his beloved parents, Edward Callow Craig and Eleanor Evelyn Craig (nee Arnick). Ed was a proud Marylander and enjoyed Maryland and Baltimore history. He was an avid Ravens and Orioles fan, and served in the Maryland National Guard.

He was a frequent contributor to the journal of the Maryland Token and Medals Society (MD-TAMS) since its founding in 1979. As life member 22, he served as director from 1992 to March 1993, treasurer from March 1993 to September 1995, vice president from September 1995 to June 1996, and was the longest serving president, from June 1996 to April 2024. He authored the MD-TAMS book on Maryland Food Stamp tokens, and commissioned numerous elongated coins and medals.

Ed joined MSNA in 1994 as member 660, and in 1999, converted to life member 49. He served as vice president in 2002-3 and again in 2020-1, and as President in 2004-5, 2018-9, and 2022-3. As a MSNA board member, he served as Chair for the ANA's 2008 convention in Baltimore.

Ed was an extremely proud graduate of Loyola High School, Blakefield and Loyola College. Anyone wishing to honor Ed's life may do so by making memorial donations at www.loyolablakefield.org/alumni/give.

Members wishing to send cards to his family, their address is: Ed Craig Family, 44 Broadship Road, Dundalk, MD 21222

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an MSNA member, you will get a complementary one-year membership to MSNA.

On a somber note, I extend condolences to the family of former MSNA President Ed Craig, who passed away on April 3. Ed was a very active member of MSNA and other numismatic organizations in Maryland and we mourn his passing. An obituary is above.

Maryland's Transition from Loyal Colony to Independent State

By Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

[Editor's Note: This article reproduces the exhibit put on by MSNA at both the Whitman Coin Expo in March and the Gaithersburg Community Museum in May.]

INTRODUCTION

The notes in this exhibit were all issued in the province or state of Maryland. The earliest notes were issued when Maryland was a royal colony of the British empire, and they illustrate the transition to rebellious colony and finally part of the independent United States.

While commerce was conducted using a number of different nations' coins, books were generally kept using the British system of 12 pence (12d) to the shilling, and 20 shillings (20∫) to the pound sterling (£). One of the most common coins used was the Spanish American eight reales, called a Spanish Milled Dollar on the notes, which contained 0.798 Troy ounces of pure silver and was originally tariffed at 4∫ 6d sterling (4/6).



This copy of a map shows the colonies of Maryland and Virginia as they existed in 1713. Note that the western borders are undefined. All notes in this exhibit are from the collection donated by John B. Henry to the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) in 1984. John B. Henry was MSNA's first president, serving from 1972 to 1974, and he passed away in 1993 at the age of 85.





Issue of March 1, 1770

Front: $\$^2/9$ or 1, 18,000 issued, 65 x 118mm Back: $\$^1/9$ or 6d, 27,000 issued, 64 x 120mm

Paper money was invented in China over a thousand years ago, but did not come into common use in Europe until the 1700s. The science of economics was just developing at that time, so it was still widely believed that precious metals were money and notes were merely promises to pay in money.

The front shows the crowned coat of arms of Lord Baltimore. It was issued in the name of Maryland by an act of the Assembly in Annapolis. These notes were hand signed by R Couden and J Clapham, and the serial numbers also written by hand.

The back declares it was printed by Anne Catharine Green and her son F. (Frederick). Maryland first issued notes in 1733 and are excessively rare. Jonas Green got the contract to print the notes starting in 1756, when the notes were still denominated in shillings and pence. Starting in 1767, the notes were denominated in dollars, which were the Spanish colonial coins. While one- and two-ninths of a dollar sound strange to us, the backs of these notes show that they were equivalent to 6 pence and 1 shilling, respectively.



Issue of April 10, 1774

Front: \$\frac{2}{3} \text{ or } 3\int \text{, } 31,500 \text{ issued, } 61 \text{ x } 119\text{mm} \text{Back: } \$4 \text{ or } 18\int \text{, } 18,000 \text{ issued, } 63 \text{ x } 120\text{mm}

These notes have the same basic design as both the 1770 and 1767 issues, since engraving new plates was expensive. They were both signed by J. Clapham and W. Eddis.

The front design includes typeset symbols of a pointing hand, small crosses, and a crown near the top of the note. Although difficult to see, the name MARYLAND is hidden in the design at the top. This part of the note was engraved by Thomas Sparrow, whose initials TS appear at top right. Notes were commonly counterfeited and these devices were intended to make that more difficult. The notes are dated in the year of the Christian lord. On this note, the year is given in Roman numerals while other denominations use western.

The back shows the warning 'Tis Death to Counterfeit. The note used special anti-counterfeiting devices of tiny mica flakes in the paper and a plant print that impressed the veins and fine details from leaves onto the copper printing plate.



Issue of July 26, 1775

Front: \$1 or 4/6, 10,512 issued, 66 x 120mm

This note represents the transition from colony to state. While issued in the name of the Provincial convention, the front shows a British fleet attacking a city on the left, and on the right, Liberty presents a petition to Britannia while trampling a scroll labeled SLAVERY. On the other side of Britannia is King George III who tramples the Magna Carta. The back

shows America and Britannia together holding an olive branch symbolizing peace and reconciliation. The note is signed by J Brice and Joseph Davidson.



Issue of December 7, 1775

Front: $$2\frac{2}{3}$ or $12\int$, 16,000 issued, 75×95 mm Back: $$1\frac{1}{3}$ or $6\int$, 32,000 issued, 75×95 mm

These notes were completely redesigned from the prior issues by F (Frederick) Green. These were issued in part to cover military expenses of the revolution that had recently begun.

The front design no longer includes the crowned coat of arms of Lord Baltimore. It states it was issued by the Provincial Convention in Annapolis. It was signed by F. Green and J. Duckett.

The back shows the emblem used on the entire series, an armored hand holding a shield and laurel branch of victory, with the Latin inscription SUB CLYPEO (literally, behind the shield, but generally interpreted as under Divine protection). The emblem is surrounded by typeset blocks including 4 small crowns, suggesting that perhaps reconciliation is still possible.

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Issue of August 14, 1776

Front: \$4 or 18f, 16,000 issued, 71 x 95mm

This note continues the same basic design as the previous issue of 1775. However, as the first notes issued after independence was declared, it simply identifies the issuer as Maryland, not as a province. It was signed by J. Duckett and G. Peale.



This postcard describes five colonial-era buildings in Maryland's capital city of Annapolis.



United Colonies Note of February 26, 1777

Front: \$3, 76,923 issued, 73 x 95mm

The first national money issued were Continental notes of 1775, which were authorized by Congress and printed in Philadelphia. After independence was declared, British troops marched towards the provisional capital, so Congress fled to Baltimore, where it met from December 20, 1776 to February 27, 1777. This is the only series of notes that Congress authorized from Baltimore, and the last to use the name United Colonies before it was changed to United States. This particular note was signed by R. Smith and Wm Spear. The emblem is of an eagle and heron fighting with the Latin legend EXITUS IN DUBIO EST (the outcome is in doubt).



Issue of June 28, 1780

Front: \$20, 16,000 issued, 71 x 90mm Back: \$8, 6,922 issued, 71 x 93mm

This note includes several major changes, and were known as red notes due to the color printing on the back.

The front declares it was issued by the State of Maryland, no longer a province. It also bears interest at the rate of 5%. Since this is a \$20 note, annual interest would be \$1. The box at bottom left gives the interest in shillings and pence sterling. The rate has now dropped to 7/6 per dollar, a 40% reduction. One of the advantages of the pre-decimal Imperial coinage system is that the annual interest of 7½ shillings per year equals 7½ pence per month. This note was signed on the front by J. Callahan and N. Harwood, and on the back by B. Harwood.

The back is printed in both black and red ink. It declares the issuer to be the United States, because Congress passed an act on March 18, 1780 allowing states to issue national-backed currency to redeem the old Continental notes at \$40 to the new \$1 (so the \$8 note was worth \$320). The emblem is the same as was on Continental \$8 notes, a harp with 13 strings and a small woman's head, with the Latin inscription MAJORA MINORBUS CONSONANT (the larger are in harmony with the smaller). These notes were printed by Hall and Sellers, in the provisional national capital of Philadelphia. The front is signed by H. Dickinson and P. Walker, and the back is signed by T. Harwood. Thomas Harwood was Maryland's first treasurer. His brothers also signed notes. Nicholas was Anne Arundel County Clerk, and Benjamin was a local militia officer.



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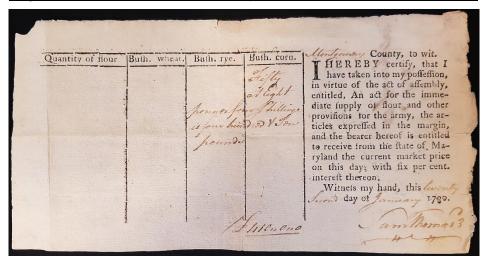
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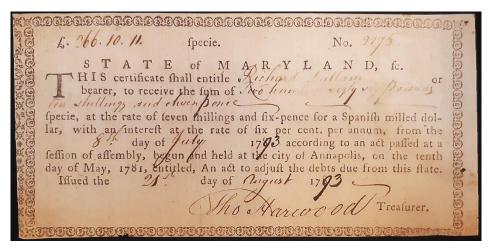
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Montgomery County Receipt 1780

The lack of gold and silver forced governments to issue warrants for their purchases. This receipt was issued by Sam Thomas in the recently formed Montgomery County on January 2, 1780, when he took possession of 50 bushels of corn flour at the rate of 8 pounds 4 shillings each, for a total of £410. The note paid 6% interest or £24/12/0 per year. The back shows it was redeemed on January 22.



Maryland Specie Bond 1793

The new Constitution, adopted in 1789, prohibited states from issuing paper money. However they still needed to issue fiscal paper, such as this

bond for £266/10/11 issued August 21, 1793. These bonds were originally printed after the Maryland Assembly passed a resolution May 10, 1781, so the 9 of 1793 is written over the printed 8. The rate given is the same as on the 1780 Maryland notes, 7/6 per dollar, so this note would be worth about \$710.79. It paid 6% interest or £15/19/10¹/₄ per year from July 8, 1793, though it was issued August 21, 1793. It was signed by Thomas Harwood, the first Treasurer of Maryland from 1775 until his death in 1804. He also endorsed the back to show interest was paid on July 8, 1794.



The seal of the State (and Colony) of Maryland is based on that of the Lords Baltimore. Maryland was a personal possession of the Lord Baltimore family from 1634 until independence was declared in 1776, with a hiatus from 1689-1715 due to the Glorious Rebellion and the assertion of Protestant rule over the Catholic Lords Baltimore. The seal was in use from 1632-92 and 1715-94, so it was in official

use when the notes in this exhibit were issued. The seal that is used for official purposes is actually the reverse. The obverse shows Lord Baltimore as an armored knight wielding a sword. The reverse shows the Maryland state flag as a shield (based on Cecil Baltimore's coat of arms) with a plowman at left and fisherman at right. Below is the family's motto, now translated as "Strong Deeds, Gentle Words." Around is the Latin for Psalm 5:13 "With favor you will cover [the righteous] as with a shield."

CONCLUSION

The notes in this exhibit illustrate Maryland's transition from a colony ruled by the British crown through Lord Baltimore, to a democratic republic federated with the United States. They also demonstrate the bifurcated monetary system, with notes denominated in the most common circulating media, the Spanish colonial reales, but also using the British imperial pounds, shillings, and pence as the unit of account, even after independence.

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[Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles profiling the various member clubs of MSNA.]

MEMBER CLUB PROFILE WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (WNS)

The Washington Numismatic Society is one of the oldest clubs in the area, yet one of the newest members of MSNA. The American Numismatic Association held its first convention in Washington, DC in 1895, when ANA President Heaton was a DC resident. The next DC convention was held in 1926 at the Hotel Washington, sponsored by several prominent local numismatists, but not by a club since there was none nearby. This soon led to the formation of the Washington Coin Club on March 18, 1927. By 1929, the club had grown enough they had to rent meeting facilities at a local school, and they changed the name to the current Washington Numismatic Society. Numismatic activity wound down after the stock market crash, and the WNS went dormant right after the March, 1933 bank holiday, only to be revived by new collectors in January, 1936. Among the club's first tasks was to invite and host the ANA convention in DC in 1937 (they also hosted the 1971 ANA). Coin shows were a lot smaller back then, the 1937 had set a new record of 198 registered attendees. In contrast, the 1971 also set a new record, the first to exceed 10,000.

WNS membership regularly included the current Treasurer, heads of the Mint and BEP, and Smithsonian numismatic curators into the 1990s. Seven WNS members wrote weekly numismatic columns for the *Washington Star* from 1955-1973. The 1977 golden anniversary pamphlet states that WNS members had authored more than 50 numismatic books by that time.

WNS has been active with other clubs. Two WNS members (Col. Moss and Adm. Dodson) served as ANA president, and two (Frank Duffield and Stuart Mosher) as editors of *The Numismatist*. WNS members founded the Prince Georges County Coin Club (now defunct), the Montgomery County Coin Club, the Virginia Numismatic Association, the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association, the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association (now defunct), and Tri-Club (also defunct). However, WNS did not join MSNA until 2008, at the behest of then-

MSNA board member and WNS Vice President Simcha Kuritzky. Many of these clubs held coin shows in the 1950s-80s.

While WNS did not host its own shows directly (it participated in MANA, MWNA, and Tri-Club for that purpose), it has issued some collectibles. Bronze and silver medals were struck for the club's 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries, and gold was struck for the first two. The club had an official elongated and an encased cent for their 35th anniversary in 1962.

WNS still meets every month except July and August, on the third Tuesday, starting around 7:30 PM, at the Community of Christ Church, 3526 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC. The June and December meetings are a pot-luck dinner, and often include spouses and other family members.



New Jersey Scrip of the Civil War

By Ken Swab

[The MSNA John B. Henry collection was given to MSNA in 1984 by one of the founders of MSNA. The collection consists of over 350 colonial and Continental notes, 300 Civil War tokens and Sutler tokens, and three dozen obsolete currency notes and scrip, mostly from the Civil War era. This is the second of a continuing series of articles on items in the collection. MSNA member clubs are invited to contact MSNA to have a display of items at a club meeting.]

The Civil War drove coins from circulation, particularly those struck from silver or gold, but even copper coins soon disappeared. For lower denominations under one dollar, the United States attempted to meet the shortage with the issuance of Postage Currency beginning on August 21, 1862.

The John B. Henry collection contains several notes issued by merchants, banks and local governments in the area of New Jersey near New York City. These scrip notes, under one dollar of value, were often payable at local banks. This increased the likelihood of their redemption, and therefore their acceptance, as the notes were generally secured by deposits at the bank. However, the redemption clauses usually required that the notes be presented in amounts of a dollar or more. This meant that one would need as many as twenty 5-cent notes to be able to redeem them, making redemption difficult.



The Key Port & Middletown Point[1] Steamboat Company issued scrip, all dated November 20, 1862, in denominations of 5, 10, 25, and 50 cents. The notes are payable on the Farmers' and Merchants Bank of Middletown Point when presented "in sums of even dollars." The notes were printed in

sheets of eighteen notes (two 5s, four 10s, eight 25s and four 50s). Unissued notes are fairly common, but signed and issued notes, like the 25-cent note (Wait 1026, R3) in the MSNA collection, are much scarcer.



Unlike the preceding note, the November 1, 1862 5-cent note (Wait 823, R4) on The Hudson River Bank located in Hoboken does not carry an engraved name of a merchant but does carry the inscription "Good, Secured by deposits." It is signed by O.H. Wheeler, identified by Wait as the issuer. But there are a number of questions concerning the scrip, the identity of the issuer, and the bank itself.

Wait claims that the Hudson River Bank was incorporated in 1863 and closed the same year. But the bank was clearly open in 1862; notes dated June 26, 1862 exist.[2] Those notes are signed by C. Nichols as president. That is contradicted by the *New York Times* of December 5, 1862, which reported that "In consequence of the scarcity of small change the [Hudson River Bank] has issued certified checks about the size of the United States postal currency, in denominations of 5, 10, 15 and 25 cents, payable at the bank in sums of \$1 and upward."[3] The Times report is consistent with the four denominations of notes in George W. Wait's *New Jersey's Money* (1976) which says they were issued by O.H. Wheeler.

Reinforcing that the Hudson River Bank was established in 1862 is an article from the May, 1862 Bankers Magazine: "A New Bank. — The citizens of Hoboken are to be favored with a new bank, to be operated under the general banking law of the State of New-Jersey, and to be called "The Hudson River Bank of Hoboken," with a capital stock of one

hundred thousand dollars. It will be owned by parties in New-York City, and is designed as a circulating institution, without expectation of a local deposit business."[4]

While Wait lists O.H. Wheeler as the issuer of the note, a point repeated by Heritage Auctions in regard to a similar 15-cent note,[5] the same *New York Times* article describes Wheeler as the President of the Bank. The Jersey City, Hudson City and Hoboken Directory, 1863-4, [6] lists an O.H. Wheeler, living at 60 Washington Street with the occupation of "President." Regretfully, it does not say of what he is "president."





In addition to merchants and banks, local governments also issued scrip. The Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City issued a variety of "Certificates of Value" dated November 15, 1862. They were post notes that were not immediately redeemable, but were payable one year later. Further discouraging redemption, they were only redeemable when presented in sums of "not less than Five Dollars." The city issued scrip in 5, 10, 12½, 25 (two varieties), and 50 cent (two varieties) denominations. The 10 cent certificate (Wait 877, R1) in the MSNA collection was printed by the National Bank Note Company with black ink on the face with a red serial number and ornate green scrollwork on the reverse. The latter is unusual for the era's scrip, as most notes were uniface. Also somewhat unusual is that the signatures were printed on the notes rather than being hand signed.



Newark, about eight miles west of Jersey City, was a prolific issuer of scrip. It apparently issued scrip every month from August 1862 through January 1863.[7] In August and September, 1862, it issued a series of post notes in denominations of 10, 15, 25 and 50 cents. The MSNA-owned note, a 10 cent City Loan Certificate issued by the Mayor and Common Council was payable one year after the issue date of September 1, 1862. Unusually, it does not have the frequent restriction that notes had to be presented in sums of one dollar or more. The note is uniface and printed in black and orange. It has a handwritten serial number written in red.



The January 1, 1863 Newark 5 cent note omits the "City Loan Certificate" designation, but maintains the one-year redemption restriction and adds a requirement that the notes be presenting in "sums of One or more Dollars." Print in black, it has green "5" counters. Unlike the 10 cent note with its red handwritten serial number, the 5 cent note has a red printed serial number. Both are printed by the Union Bank Note Company of Newark.

Notes:

- [1] Middletown is now Matawan.
- [2] See, for example, the \$1 note at https://currency.ha.com/itm/obsoletes-by-state/new-jersey/hoboken-nj-hudson-river-bank-1-june-26-1862-fine/a/142011-83265.s and the \$3 note at https://auctions.stacksbowers.com/lots/view/3-19G7F5/hoboken-new-jersey-the-hudson-river-bank-haxby-205-g6a-1862-3-fine. The bank also issued \$2 notes. Haxby's *Standard Catalog of United States Obsolete Bank Notes*, 1782-1866, Vol. 2 (1988) repeats the error that the bank was established in 1863.
- [3] From the Hoboken Historical Museum: https://hoboken.pastperfect online.com/Archive/4D5269CF-F883-443E-843E-365284034525

- [4] Bankers Magazine and Statistical Register (May 1862) Vol. XI, No. 12 at 907, see https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/520216? page=453
- [5] Lot 82102, November 8, 2016. https://currency.ha.com/itm/obsoletes-by-state/new-jersey/hoboken-nj-o-h-wheeler-at-hudson-river-bank-15-nov-1-1862/a/141645-82102.s
- [6] Gopsill's Jersey City, Hudson City and Hoboken Directory. 1863-4.
- [7] May 11, 1977 New Netherlands Coin Company Auction, lots 290-298, accessed at https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/531111

PAN Exhibit Results



MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky won first place in World Coins with "Israel's Two-Decade Long Road to Standardized Gold Coinage," and second place in Exonumia with "Feline Species Elongated Type Set."

Local News

The Gaithersburg, Maryland Community Museum held "Money Day" on Saturday 27 April in conjunction with the public reveal and display of their recently acquired scarce 1902 \$10 National banknote of the historic Gaithersburg First National Bank (charter #4608). Along with a Maryland State Numismatic Association display of early Maryland colonial and post-Independence currency notes and scrip, **Montgomery County Coin Club** was on hand with a three-table display of numismatic collectibles and hobby info.

The **Washington Numismatic Society's** March meeting featured President **Simcha Kuritzky's** talk on Renaissance/Baroque Christian Kabbalist Medals, while in April he spoke on good luck amulets. In May, the WNS played a game called Coin Timeline, where contestants have to place various numismatic events in the proper sequence. The June 18 meeting will be the semi-annual pot-luck dinner.

In March, the **Montgomery County Coin Club** (MCCC) President **Jack Schadegg** hosted a trivia game on 20th Century U.S. coins. In April, he spoke on two unsuccessful modern counterfeiters who produced only small amounts of bogus coins and notes. In May, MSNA President **Ken Swab** spoke about Patsy Takemoto Mink, who is on the latest Women's quarters. Ken worked on her staff for several years.

Coin Club Meeting Calendar (most months)

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First				Baltimore
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National Money Show Exhibit Results



MSNA life member Michael T. Shutterly took both second and third place Best of Show, the Stephen D'Ippolito award. Taking second was "Heavenly Gold" from Common Elements, and third was "In the Beginning... When Man Created Coins" from Economics. His exhibit "It's Elementary!" took first place in Science.



MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky won first place in Geography with "Feline Species Paper Money Type Set," second place in Science with "A Stellar Type Set," and third place in History with "Henrietta Szold and Her Legacy: Hadassah and Youth Aliyah."

What's Your Sign?

Part Fifty-Seven: Fancy Arches Medals by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

I recently bought a series of zodiac medals made of white metal with some slight coloration. The reverses are all the same. They show a combined sun/moon face in the center surrounded by a group of stars. Around this are the 12 sigils of the zodiac in circles. Atop each of these is the actual zodiac figure, each separated from their neighbors by a fancy arch which looks kind of like a vine ending in a scroll heart shape. At the rim is the spelled-out Latin name of the sign.



What is unusual about the design is that Aries is at 9 o'clock, then runs counterclockwise. Capricorn is represented by a goat-fish and cancer by a crab. Both Aquarius and Libra show a figure with the device (a bucket or the balance scales). The obverse of each medal shows the figure of one the signs, though it doesn't match the figure on the reverse, and it is in brown. The obverse figure is often just the head or forepart of the figure shown in full on the reverse. All twelve sigils surround the figure, with

Aries at two o'clock and proceeding clockwise, but the sigil associated with the figure is highlighted in brown.



Capricorn – goat head Aquarius – Poseidon

Pisces – two fish



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